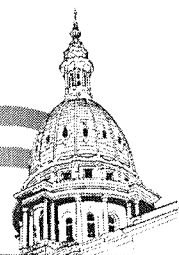




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### **Closing the Books on 2004**

In 2004 I was involved in and sponsored a great deal of important legislation. A few of the bills that I sponsored last year that give me the deepest sense of pride are:

- My bill, Senate Bill 395, led to citizen-initiated legislation to define the moment at which a person is considered “born” and therefore eligible for the full protection of the law. Through this definition, partial birth abortions would be banned except in rare cases where the physical health or life of the mother is threatened by delivery.
- A bill to expand the law to include acts of hazing as crimes and established punishments for those crimes.
- Legislation that dedicated U.S. 127 in Clare County the Kevin Sherwood Memorial Highway in honor of the police officer killed in the line of duty there.

### **A Voice for the Innocent**

Michigan’s most vulnerable will have full legal protection under an important new law that is scheduled to take effect on March 30, 2005. That is when the citizen-initiated Legal Birth Definition Act (LBDA) becomes law. This new act defines the moment at which a person is considered “born” and becomes fully protected by law. Now partial birth abortions will be banned in Michigan except in rare cases where the physical health or life of the mother is threatened by delivery.

I am proud to have sponsored Senate Bill 395 that introduced the LBDA in the Michigan Legislature. And when it was vetoed by the Governor, I joined with Right to Life of Michigan to help start the People’s Override. With your help, we gathered over half a million signatures to ensure that the LBDA became law. Together, our voices were united in upholding the dignity of all human life.

### **Contact Me**

My door is always open and please do not hesitate to contact me regarding state issues. You can reach my Lansing office by phone at: 517-373-1725 or toll free at 866-305-2135. You can also call my Cadillac District Office at: 231-775-8599, or visit me online at [www.senate.michigan.gov/mcmanus](http://www.senate.michigan.gov/mcmanus).

### **Cable Show**

Each month you can watch “In Touch with Northern Michigan” and hear about issues affecting the 35<sup>th</sup> District. My show airs on:

*Traverse City TV 2, Friday nights at 8 P.M.*

*Cadillac Cable TV, 1st and 3rd Friday of the month at 7 P.M.*

*Manistee Cable Access, 3rd week of the month Tuesday-Friday at 8:00 P.M.*

Airing for February is a discussion with Rob Winchell, Organ Preservation and Tissue Field Supervisor, Hospital Development Associate with Give of Life Michigan. The show includes information regarding general organ and tissue donation as well as the work of Gift of Life Michigan.

### **Contact Information**

Thank you for your interest in our current state issues. If you received this as a forwarded message and would like to receive future legislative updates via e-mail, you can sign up at: <http://www.senate.michigan.gov/mcmanus>, you can also call my office toll free at 866-305-2135.